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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003. Please enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

21. A method of generating a nucleoside library comprising a plurality of modified mononucleosides, comprising:
- providing a first nucleoside and a second nucleoside, each having a reactive group and each being coupled to a solid support; and
- reacting the reactive group of the first and second nucleoside with a first reagent and second reagent, respectively, thereby forming a first modified mononucleoside and a second modified mononucleoside, wherein the second modified mononucleoside is chemically distinct from the first modified mononucleoside.

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